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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3544

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NI, URT

SUBJ: PRESENTATION LETTER TO GENERAL OBASANJO

REF : LAGOS 2092, STATE 40668

1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S READINESS CONSIDER ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER TO DELIVER SUCH A LETTER IF HE VISITS NIGERIA IN APRIL.

2. IN THE INTERIM, HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE QUESTION WHETHER ANY FURTHER PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION IS NECESSARY OR USEFUL

IN CLOSE AFTERMATH OF RECENT CONDOLENCE LETTER (STATE 037570). UNDER EARLIER CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN UNDER-SECRETARY ROBINSON WAS TO VISIT LAGOS, HIS BRINGING A PERSONAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO THE HEAD OF STATE MAY HAVE APPEARED DESIRABLE AS A MEANS OF INCREASING CHANCES OF HIS BEING RECEIVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. AS UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT HAD TO BE ABORTED, THIS ARGUMENT NO LONGER HOLDS. MOREOVER, GIVEN CURRENT ABSORPTION OF FMG LEADERSHIP IN INTERNAL SECURITY MATTERS IN WAKE OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP, WE DO NOT BELIEVE A NON-SUBSTANTIVE PRESIDENTIAL LETTER WOULD BE LIKELY TO SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE.

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3. IN TIME WE WOULD HAVE SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE WITH REGARD

TO THE TEXT OF A
PRESIDENTIAL LETTER THAT MIGHT BE BROUGHT BY
SECRETARY KISSINGER.
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